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## REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

T397-306

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,019,906, granted FEB 1, 2000, and for which areissue patent is sought on the invention entitled HARD MASKING METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERNED OXYGEN CONTAINING PLASMA ETCHABLE LAYER. is attached hereto. was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

 by reason of a defective specification or drawing. by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

THE SPECIFICATION DISCLOSES BVT DOES NOT CLAIM THAT THE OXYGEN CONTAINING PLASMA ETCHABLE MICROELECTRONICS LAYER MAY COMprise A SPIN-ON MATERIAL.

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**REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE;  
STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT**

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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.

Name of Patentee(s) SYVN-MING JANG, MING-HSIN HUANG

Patent Number

6,019,906

Date Patent Issued

FEB. 1, 2000

Title of Invention

HARD MASKING METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERNED OXYGEN-CONTAINING PLASMA ETCHABLE LAYER

1.  Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)2.  Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.

One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".

The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.

The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.

Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned)

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD

Signature

Date

January 31, 2002

Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned)

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTDApplication No./Patent No.: 6,619,906 Filed/Issue Date: Feb. 1, 2000Entitled: HARD MASKING METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERNED OXYGEN CONTAININGTAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CORPORATION PLASMA ETCHABLE LAYER(Name of Assignee) COMPANY LTD (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
and the title of my position with said assignee is: \_\_\_\_\_

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.

Name of Patentee(s):

SYUN-MING JANG, MING-HSIN HUANG

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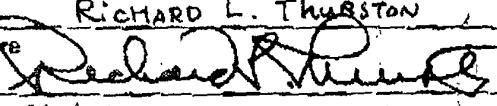
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